

ing their own pastor at Ridgely with a beautiful building. All of this without ever costing any Mission Board a dollar. All a result of a little sacrifice upon the part of the Philadelphia church. Brethren go thou and do likewise. As this is the home of our dear Sister Detwiler, the president of the S. S. C. E., I will now close and give her a chance to give a history and growth of the Ridgely church. It appears to me that no other people on earth ought to sacrifice and push forward like the Brethren church. O that we would all receive power from on high and with all possible haste give the whole gospel to the whole world. May the Holy Spirit awaken us to earnestness, activity, and sacrifice is my prayer.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

#### A Pastor Wanted

The undersigned invites correspondence with ministers of the Brethren church, with a view of securing a pastor for the churches comprising this charge, lately made vacant by Eld. E. H. Smith's going away.

D. B. SNOBERGER, sec'y.

New Enterprise, Pa.

#### In the Glenford Church

Many of our people here have been giving much time and work this summer and fall to the building of a new house of worship. The dedication is now in the past, tho there is much work yet to do on the grounds and some on the house itself.

#### MEETINGS

On the evening of October 12th we began special meetings in the Bethel church, belonging to this parish, brother J. C. Mackey doing the preaching. Pastor and people were greatly helped by his teaching and by fellowship with him. It is a happy privilege for a church to have the help of different workers. Brother Mackey left some very warm friends. We are all well pleased with his work among us, and will gladly welcome him whenever he may come this way.

#### THE DEDICATION

From the *Lexington Herald*: The new Progressive Brethren church on the Deffenbaugh farm was dedicated on last Sunday. Rev. Mackey from Pennsylvania, conducting the services. The sermon was based on the first verse of the sixty-second chapter of Isaiah. Mr. Mackey handled his text in a learned and able manner, and made a most favorable and lasting impression on his hearers. How inspiring to listen to an edifying, well prepared sermon.

The plan of the church is quite modern and is very convenient as well as beautiful. The house is 32x48 feet. It was filled to overflowing. The new house will be known by the name Berachah. There is to be no new church organization.

#### THE WORK

This will double our work in this church. There will be meetings every two weeks at the Bethel church, as usual, alternating with meetings at Berachah. There will be the

Bible study meetings too on Thursday evenings.

#### THE STATE WORK

There are some good openings for the most gratifying results, in our State. But if we do anything in the churches that is really worth the name, there must be a powerful turning to God, and humble obedience to his whole will and sanctified loyalty to his service. Two things are positively imperative, or much will be lost and professed servants of God and the church will have to account to God for their disobedience and neglect. They are these: There must come more men who will go at the word of God and trust his promises. There must come the willingness to give to the Lord in accordance with his will and to meet the needs. It is simply a reproach on the cause of Christ that it is continually hampered for the want of men and money. What will we do? "The end of all things is at hand, be of sound mind and sober unto prayer."

J. M. BOWMAN.

#### Letter from McFaden

Some years ago a lady sent for me to come to see her. I responded to the call, and she desired me to convert her husband, who was a member of the church. She said he was a Sunday saint and a Monday devil. From what I knew of the matter I believe the woman was about right, and when I met some of the man's relations in after years I thought of the woman's comment on her husband.

But while it is true that there are some in the church who are not living up to their privileges, who are neglecting their opportunities, and are prostituting their faculties, this does not alter the fact that the church is a great and grand institution. Rats in the hold of a great ocean liner would not prevent me taking passage on her, and imperfect characters in the church is not an argument against the institution, nor a complete obstacle to her object.

Christ has likened her to light, a city on a hill that can not be hid. A few years ago I visited the Delaware breakwater and Cape Henlopen light house. I climbed the stairs of the latter and looked at the great lamp that had cost the government twenty-five thousand dollars. As the sun went down the lamp was lighted and kept burning till the sun came up again in the east. Out on the ocean waves, during the darkness, ships could see the bright rays and sail for the breakwater; behind it they could cast anchor, furl sail, and outside the storm.

The church is an essential light to the world. Take the church from Brown county, schools would follow, darkness reign, confusion and disaster develop. Her bright rays are evidences to the storm-tossed, struggling soul that there is a breakwater ahead, a place of refuge, where peace and joy may be found; within her walls the tired heart may find rest, and the troubled soul find comfort. It is her head who gives beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for

the spirit of heaviness. All who truly appreciate these facts can sing:

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of thine abode,

But how often we fail to appreciate the church; often only when away from her threshold, or deprived of her privileges. I read some where of some shipwrecked mariners; one of them had been on the island before and all of his companions had been eaten by the natives, he alone escaping. Now, on the same island, with another crew, he found himself. The outlook was not pleasant. He with several of his companions went out to view the land, and after a while they were seen running back waving their hats; when near enough they said: "Come on, boys, we saw a church." What difference did that make? All the difference in the world; all the difference between a cannibal feast and the communion of Christ. The church spire pointing heavenward, silently told them that heathenism had been overcome, that grace abounded more than sin, and under its shadow shipwrecked mariners were safe.

Sustain the church, keep alive the fire on her altar, encourage them who minister in things divine, extend her borders, not only by attendance, singing, praying, and giving, but by living a clean, consistent, upright, happy life, not only on Sunday but every day in the week, and fifty-two weeks in the year. Appreciate the wonderful possibilities of grace, improve the golden opportunities to make our fellowmen better and brighter, and it will be an easy and satisfactory transit from the church on earth to the church triumphant.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

#### The Berlin Charge

We began our meeting at the Custer church Thursday evening, October 27. On Sabbath morning was the time announced for the rededication of the church. The people began to assemble early and continued to come until there were many more present than could get into the house. The choir and a large delegation of the brethren and sisters from the Berlin church came down and manifested their interest in the work, not only by their presence and assistance in the services, but also by giving liberally, and thus greatly assisted in raising the balance of the indebtedness upon the house, which was about three hundred and eighty dollars (\$380.) The amount required was raised and the entire debt is now paid. The house was then rededicated to God. The pastor preached the dedicatory sermon from the words, "The church, the body of Christ," and conducting the services. This is one of the mission churches of this charge. Sabbath evening the house was again filled with people and a deep interest manifested in the services. The meeting continued until Thursday at 2 P. M., we met at the church to receive and baptize the four applicants, (two males and two females.) These received Christian baptism and were confirmed and received into the church at the opening of the evening services. Thus ten have been received into the Custer